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SUBJECT: SPECIFICATIONS OF NEW SKODA VEHICLE

REF: PRAGUE 1502 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER DATED JULY 13 FROM ING. STANISLAV PELIKAN IN CESKOSLOVENSKE AUTOMOBILOVE ZAVODY(CAZ) IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS RAISED STATE 124357. LETTER STATES THAT DURING TALKS WITH MESSRS. STRUPP AND SMITH ON JUNE 12, CAZ REPRESENTATIVES "DID NOT ARRIVE AT POINTS OF CONCURRENCE" FOR ESTABLISHING CONCRETE COOPERATION BETWEEN GMC AND CZECHOSLOVAK AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY. AS FAR AS PROVIDING EMBASSY WITH TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF NEW PASSENGER CAR PELIKAN ADVISES THAT VEHICLE IS AS YET IN "STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT" AND ITS TECHNICAL DATA CANNOT THEREFORE BE MADE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME.
2. IN VIEW PELIKAN'S NEGATIVE RESPONSE AND WITHOUT KNOWING NATURE OF POSSIBLE GM PROPOSAL, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT SMITH (OR STRUPP) REITERATE THE GM PROPOSAL IN WRITING TO CAZ IN AS DETAILED MANNER AS POSSIBLE, POINTING OUT CRITICAL NEED FOR AT LEAST SOME BASIC PARAMETERS OF NEW PASSENGER CAR, IN ORDER FOR GM TO PROPERLY ASSESS ECONOMIC AND/OR TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF ITS POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION. IN OUR VIEW, SOME INFORMATION REQUESTED IN STATE 124357 MAY BE CLOSELY APPROXIMATED BASED ON WHAT IS ALREADY KNOWN ABOUT SKODA AUTOMOBILES COUPLED WITH PUBLISHED PLANS FOR PROPOSED NEW VEHICLE.
3. AS COMMERCE AWARE, ZAPADLO CLAIMED DURING HIS VISIT TO U.S. IN MAY THAT PROTOTYPE OF NEW CAR ALREADY ON ROAD. WE UNABLE TO

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CONFIRM OR DENY THIS, BUT PELIKAN MAKES IT CLEAR THAT WHATEVER

STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT CAR PRESENT IN, CZECHOSLOVAKS(AND  
PROBABLY EAST GERMANS AND HUNGARIANS, AS WELL) ARE PRESENTLY  
UNWILLING TO DIVULGE ITS PRECISE TECHNICAL PARAMETERS TO OUTSIDE  
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